Library to Host Open House

This spring the NIH Library will again sponsor an Open House on **Thursday, April 17** during **National Library Week.**

Demonstrations of Ovid full-text journals and databases, Windows Grateful Med, and a variety of bibliographic management software will be given between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm that day. At the Open House, and at exhibits in Buildings 10 and 49 and at the Parklawn Building other days during National Library Week, NIH staff may register for Library cards, Grateful Med and Loansome Doc accounts, and subscribe to Carl UnCover and the Library's Listserv. **Tours** of the Library also will be provided during the Open House on Thursday at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm.

By completing a survey at one of the exhibits or the Open House, NIH staff become eligible

for the "Information Makeover Raffle." Winners will receive the consultation services of an NIH Librarian for a day.

After a thorough assessment of

the winner's **information needs**, the Librarian will help them **identify** and **locate** potentially valuable resources; teach them to effectively **retrieve** needed information; and, finally, teach them to **organize** and **manage** it.

During National Library Week, April 14–18, there will be many opportunities to see how NIH **colleagues** have **benefited** from taking advantage of the Library's services and the professional research skills of the Library staff.

More than 650 NIH staff attended the Open House activities in 1996. If you attended last year's event, you're sure to want to learn about the **latest developments** at the Library. If you did not attend last year's event, come and see what you missed!

For more details, see the NIH Library Home Page: http://libwww.ncrr.nih.gov.

Just for Chemists

During January and February the Library participated in an evaluation of **CrossFire**, the electronic version of **Beilstein** Handbook of Organic Chemistry. The publisher recently announced that the Handbook, which excerpts chemical literature from 1779 to the present, will **not** be

available in print after mid-1998.

This made testing the electronic version a high priority for the Library.

Beilstein via CrossFire is the world's most extensive collection

of data on **organic com- pounds,** including heterocyclics, iocyclics, and acyclics. It contains the **chemical structure** and more than 350 different chemical and physical properties for over **six million com- pounds.** The coverage includes constitution and configuration, preparation

data, natural occurrence and isolation, physical properties, chemical reactions and more. CrossFire **displays structures**, and as many data fields as the user wishes to see. **Hypertext links** let you navigate along synthesis paths.

Library users and several labs on the NIH campus took part in the test. Testers answered questions about ease of use, quality of results retrieved, usefulness of the resource, and their general opinion of the product. Comments from users were overwhelmingly positive with most people stating that CrossFire was a "must" and an "invaluable" resource.

Unlike other electronic resources recently acquired by the Library, Beilstein may **not** be licensed for **network access** for use by everyone on the NIH campus. Licenses are for specific computers, or "seats." As a result, the Library and many of the **labs** that participated in the trial have **jointly** agreed to **purchase** a subscription to **CrossFire**. Because the price of individual "seats" is lower the more "seats" acquired, the Library agreed to guarantee a minimum number of seats to assure a **low price** for the labs

CrossFire is now available in the Library Reading Room. It also is available in **labs** that have paid for their own "seats." If people in your lab **need access** to Beilstein at their **desktop**, please contact Mary Hash, Administrative Officer for the NIH Library, at 6-5791 to find out how you, too, can

Grateful Med 2.3 for Macintosh on back subscribe to this rich chemical resource for a **flat**, **annual fee**.

Grateful Med Mac Users Take Note!

The **1997 update** for Grateful Med **version 2.3** for the Macintosh is now available. It provides **new MESH terms** as well as regroups the **MEDLINE back files.**

You can **download** the **update** from http://libwww.ncrr.nih.gov/grateful/gm.htm#current or bring **2 formatted disks** to the Library and exchange them for the update.

Spring Seminars

Electronic Resources Seminars for NIH Staff will be offered in **April** and **June**, on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**, at **noon**, in the NIH Training Room. No registration is required.

Grateful Med Windows

April 10

June 12

Internet Grateful Med

April 24

June 23

Navigating the Web

April 3

June 9

Reference Management Demos

April 21

June 26

Setting your Sites

There are several sites for searching **U.S. patents**, and a number of them have well-designed and easy-to-use search engines. Going directly to the source, **the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office** (http://www.uspto.gov/) offers **free searching** of its patent database covering **U.S. patents issued since 1976.** A search will provide you with the patent's "front page," including title, inventor(s), assignee, number and issue date, and an abstract. From the USPTO site you can also connect to the **AIDS Patent Database** (http://app.cnidr.org), and search for the full text and images of AIDS-related patents issued by the U.S., Japanese, and European Patent Offices.

The **Community of Science** Web site (http://cos.gdb.org/) maintains its own US Patent Citation Database, approximately 1.7 million U.S. patents issued since 1975. You may retrieve (at no charge) the front page information

Other Web sites offer full-text access to patents (and often images) at moderate cost. The MicroPatent Patent Server (http://www.micropat.com), includes patents issued by the European Patent Office and the PCT (Patent Cooperation Treaty), in addition to U.S. patents. QPAT-US (http://www.qpat.com/), is another fee-based full-text patent database. Both these sites display patent front page information at no charge. Finally, for an excellent Web site with summary information and access to copyright, patent, and invention information links, try the MIT Invention Dimension Links List (http://web.mit.edu/afs/athena.mit.edu/org/i/invent/www/copyright_list).

Patents can be obtained through the Library's Document delivery service. For more information call 6-4651.

Additionally, a **full day of seminars** will be offered on Thursday, **May 15** and will include an introduction to the databases and full-text journals available via Ovid:

9:00 Navigating the Web 10:30 Databases/Journals via Ovid 12:30 Grateful Med (Windows)

2:00 Reference Manager (Windows)

For a description of the seminars and additional information please go to http://libwww.ncrr.nih.gov/sheets/ instruct.htm or call 6-1156. If you are unable to attend our seminars you may request a tutorial.

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 Mon-Thurs
 7:45 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

 Friday
 7:45 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

 Saturday
 8:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

 Sun & Hol
 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m

On some holidays, hours are 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (announced in advance)

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